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*Attached is a flyer with more information. Register now at [www.cspd.net](http://www.cspd.net) to attend and more information about breakouts will be sent to registrations as soon as they are confirmed!*



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**Intended Audience:** Classroom teachers, special educators, paraeducators, administrators, counselors, parents, and community agency personnel.

*Presenter Information on  
backside of this flyer..*

*Credit Hours Available: 15  
hours OPI Renewal*

**To register log on to:  
[www.cpsd.net](http://www.cpsd.net)**

**For more information:**  
admin@cspd.net or call Nancy  
Marks @ 406-728-2400 ext. 1088

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Special Evening Presentation  
***“Shut Up about Your Perfect Kid”***  
Tuesday Night—Kalispell Red Lion  
Wednesday Night—Missoula, Holiday Inn at the Park  
***Open to Public– no charge***

**Parent Scholarships Available from PLUK**  
**“Parents Lets Unite for Kids”**  
**[www.pluk.org](http://www.pluk.org)**

*Applications are 1/2 down the PLUK homepage*

### **Registration Costs:**

*Continental Breakfast for both days and  
lunch for day one are included in the fee.*

Individual	\$250.00
3-5 persons	\$750.00
6-10 persons	\$1,500.00
11-15 persons	\$2,250.00
16-20 persons	\$3,000.00
21 or more persons	\$3,750.00
Student rate/person	\$75.00
Parent rate/person	\$75.00
Paraeducator rate/person	\$150.00



## Meet our Keynote Speaker

**Autism Services by Klaw (ASK)** is run by **Rebecca Klaw** who has worked since 1988 as a consultant, trainer and advocate for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their families. All over the country, Rebecca has trained consultants, direct care staff and teachers on methods and techniques used to drive developmental growth in children with ASD. She consults with parents about issues effecting home and school success. More info at [www.rebeccaklaw.com](http://www.rebeccaklaw.com)

### Other presenters:

**Toni Dunbar** has 30 years of experience in schools, including working as an autism consultant for many districts in Alaska. She has presented at a wide range of conferences and developed an Autism Training of Trainers project for Anchorage School District.

Thirteen years ago **Shawna Heiser** began her business, Special Learning 1-ON-1, which has expanded to service children, adolescents, and a few adults with a wide variety of special needs. Shawna's specialty involves working with families of children and adolescents with behavior, communication, and developmental disabilities ranging from Autism to Attention Deficit Disorder. She currently consults with several different school districts, early childhood intervention programs across the state, and continues a private behavioral counseling practice. She was trained by five of the top researchers in the field of Autism and is recognized as a behavior/autism specialist in the state of Montana. She has background and specialized trainings ABA intense training, L.E.A.P project, Greenspan and Floortime, Pivotal Response Training, and ABA; C-BAM scales of assessment. After establishing her business, Shawna returned to the University in 2002 to share the experience and knowledge she has gathered since graduation with her Montana State University Psychology students as a Professor. She teaches a variety of junior and senior level courses including Behavior Modification 332, Learning and Motivation 341 and Field Practicum/Internship 491. Her motto in servicing children is Every Child Deserves an Opportunity for Independence.

### Evening presenters:



**Gina Gallagher & Patty KONJOIAN** We are sisters who know how to laugh. Notorious in the Terrasi family for our silly senses of humor ("Where did we get you two?"), we have long entertained dreams of writing a humor book and building fame, fortune, and impressive credentials for our next high school reunions ("So what if we've gained a few pounds since high school, we'll wow them with our new book.")

Then, several years ago, a loving family member, the Jeanne Dixon of our family, made a startling prediction. "You two are going to write a book, but it's going to be about your experience raising children with disabilities." You see in addition to sharing laughter and bad hair days, we share another experience: raising daughters with disabilities – bipolar disorder and Asperger's Syndrome. Fed up with reading depressing books about our children's disabilities ("So, you went into a depression after reading that depression book, too?") and listening to other parents brag about their "perfect" children ("Little Devon is leading the Pre-School polo squad in goals."), we decided to create a movement that allows people in America to come out of their messy closets and embrace "imperfection." Thus, a book, ["Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid!:"](#) a business, Shut Up Industries, Inc.; and a powerful movement, [the Movement of "Imperfection,"](#) were born



**Don't Miss this Unique Presentation!**